

Abstract

A presentation was made to a university Stream ecology class at the University of Minnesota-Duluth on the Rosgen geomorphic stream classification system. First the general rationale and need to classify streams was discussed, followed by an explanation of the field measurements needed to use this classification system. Finally, the presentation included a conversation on the circumstances under which this classification could be a useful tool for stream ecologists and resource managers, and the situations where the Rosgen system might not be the best choice for grouping streams.